

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

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The paragraph at lines 6-9 has been amended as follows:

A preferred example of the diluent is CELLPACK available ~~from~~ from Sysmex Corporation, and a preferred example of the hemolyzing agent is STROMATOLYSER WH available from Sysmex Corporation.

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The paragraph at lines 11-19 has been amended as follows:

(1) The ~~valve-valves~~ SV18, SV23 are opened. Then, a negative pressure is applied to the waste liquid chamber WC from the negative pressure pump P1, whereby the diluent is caused to flow from the diluent chamber SC1 to the waste liquid chamber WC through the second container chamber 52 of the detector 50. Thus, the second container chamber 52 is cleaned, and the diluent is retained in the second container chamber 52. Then, the valves SV18, SV23 are closed.

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The paragraph at lines 10-12 has been amended as follows:

The air layer provided in the flow paths prevents the ~~diluent-diluent~~ diluent between the syringe pump SR2 and the charging line CL1 from being mixed with the hemolyzing agent.